Non-availability of DTC buses as per requirements

3253. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of buses in DTC is not adequate to meet the present requirements of the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that substantial number of buses were not purchased by DTC during the last two years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to fully meet the requirements of the Capital;

(d) whether it is a fact that bus services from Vasant Vihar have deteriorated considerably in the recent past;

(e) whether Government are aware that the routes available from Vasant Vihar need rationalisation for efficient and viable services and whether many representation have also been received by DTC in this regard; and

(f) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) In order that the growing traffic demand in the capital city of Delhi are adequately met, the services of DTC buses are supplemented by private operators' buses. As for augmentation of bus fleet of DTC, the programme of acquisition of buses is a continuing process. DTC has purchased 408 buses in 1986-87. 475 buses in 1987-88 and orders have been placed for 300 buses in 1988-89.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Some suggestions for improvement of services from Vasant Vihar have been received. Route Nos. 602 and 641 have been made to operate from CPDW Colony to cover more areas of Vasant Vihar residential complex. Route Nos. 602, 603, 623, 640; 641, 660, 062, 336 are serving the commuters of Vasant Vihar adequately, as the operational efficiency in almost all cases is about 90 per cent.

Transfer of expertise and technology to Mauritius

3254. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mauritius has sought *from India expertise* in agro and dairy industries; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to transplant dairy and vegetable oil models which have benefited only the aid givers in the developed countries without any improvement in productivity and self reliance; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that only such expertise and technology are transferred which are beyond any shadow of doubt totally indigenous and self-reliance like sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The specific projects in the agro snd dairy industries for which India has agreed to render assistance are strengthening of the Extension Services, assistance to the Irrigation Authority, establishment of a Farmers' Service Centre, Tea Industry Efficiency Study, Study on Sugarcane By-products, Studies in Milk, Food Processing and Cooperative Sectors and supply of equipment for Coconut Coir Processing.

(b) and (c) Indian assistance is given under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme. As a matter of policy, the experts nominated under this prog-